

<b><i>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</i></b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/596,362	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HAMAYOSHI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> SARANG AFZALI	<b>Art Unit</b> 3726	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 27 September 2011.

Type:    ☒ Telephonic    ☐ Video Conference  
           ☐ Personal [copy given to: ☐ applicant    ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:    ☐ Yes    ☒ No.  
     If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Issues Discussed    ☐ 101    ☐ 112    ☐ 102    ☐ 103    ☒ Others  
 (For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

**Substance of Interview**  
 (For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

During several telephone conversations with the Applicant's attorney, Mr. Hunter and the Examiner discussed possible claim amendment in particular further defining the flange and the shaft ends in order to put the application in condition for allowance. However, the Applicant has instead chosen to receive a written office action. No patentability agreement was reached.

**Applicant recordation instructions:** It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of interview.

**Examiner recordation instructions:** Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

☐ Attachment

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